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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:35 AM

(Wednesday is an Enhanced-precautions mass-6' spacing and masks are encouraged.)

Outdoor Communion Service:

Wednesday

10:00 AM

(This service is held outdoors. Attendees remain in their car and tune into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday

4:45 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

(Enhanced-precautions mass-6'

spacing and masks are encouraged.)

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

(This mass is outside under the tent/attendees may remain in their vehicle as well.)

Confessions:

Until further notice, Confessions are by Appointment only. Typically, Saturday morning between 10am - 12pm. Other times are possible. Email Fr. Hank at fatherhank@sjmillstone.com for an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

In Emergency- Please call 908-874-3141 and press 1 for a priest.

Non-Emergency-Please email FatherHank@simillstone.com

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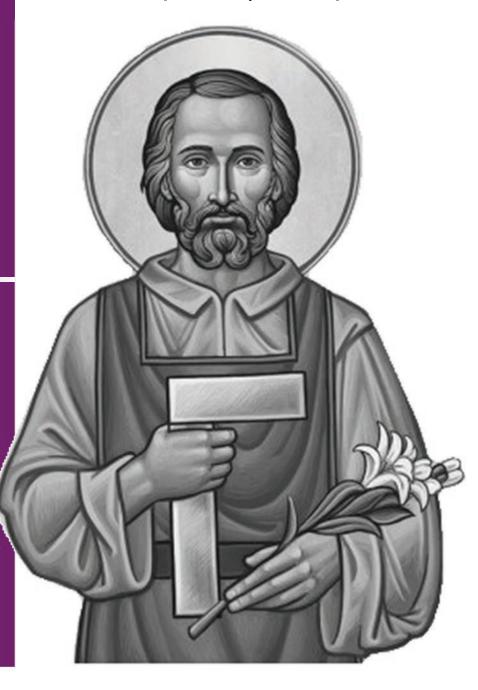
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 8:35AM E. David Clark

R/B Susan & Bob Pristas

Tue. 8:35AM Patricia & Art West

R/B Houle Family

8:35AM Diane Peterson

R/B Jack Peterson

8:35 AM Amelia Yocca

R/B Susan Wund

Wed. 8:35AM Patricia Cunning

R/B Pam Cunning

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Holyday

Wed. 7:00PM People of the ParishThu. 8:35AM People of the ParishThu. 5:00PM People of the Parish

Fri. 8:35AM Mary Lu Seelig

R/B Mike Seelig

8:35AM Tony Manzella

R/B Alice Manzella & Family

Sat. 4:45PM John Bodnar

R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewski

4:45PM Richard Gottlick

R/B Laura larkowski

Sun. 8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Emma Fanlo

R/B Dahlia Wong

9:30AM Din Ken & Luen Chin Lee

R/B Michael & Lily Jansky

9:30AM Pasquale Beardi

R/B Carl & Connie Panzera

11:30AM John Bozenbury

R/B Grace Pepe & Family

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 35:1-6a,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

CHRISTMAS MASSES

This is the schedule of the times of Christmas masses as of November. More details and any changes will be posted each week. Please continue to check for any changes in this schedule. Thank You.

Christmas Eve -

4:00 PM - will also be livestreamed

6:00 PM

9:00 PM

Christmas Day -

8:00 AM

9:30 AM - will also be livestreamed

 $11:\!30~\text{AM}-\text{will}$ also accommodate people in cars and will be broadcast to these people on the parish FM station. Communion will be brought to these people. This option is intended primarily to serve those people whose health prevents them from being in crowds.

Second Sunday of Advent



Dear All, Christ's peace!

Our Support for Ukraine – I had the extraordinary privilege, two weeks ago, of meeting with Mother Beata, the recently retired Mother General of the order of Polish nuns we are supporting in their efforts to help Ukraine's refugees. Mother, who will continue to manage our support, assures me that there will be great need for our next rounds of help soon after the holidays. Mother is delighted to know that we have nearly \$50,000 to assist her sisters and the refugees this winter. More information will come after Christmas

The New Hymnals Are Here. SING! — This weekend, after an almost three-year hiatus, we start using hymnals again. Not just any hymnals. But brand-spanking-new hymnals. The cantors at each Mass will be announcing the hymn numbers and inviting you to belt it out. I hope you do!

Thanksgiving Food Drive – You did a terrific job. You supplied Thanksgiving for more than 200 families.

Advent Giving Tree Part 2, Gifts for Appalachia – Thanks for taking all the gift tags – one more sign of your faith and kindness.

Sandwiches for Elijah's Promise – Big blessings for the Knights who gathered here to make and bag sandwiches and more for the folks at Elijah's Promise. Great work you guys.

Coats for the Needy – The Youth Group will be running a coat drive from December 30 - January 1. All coats will be distributed to Jersey Cares the following week. If you get a coat for Christmas, consider donating your old one. Youth Ministry Alumni – "Twas the night before Turkey and all through the church . . ." What a blessing it was to be here as our Youth Ministry Alum returned to church for a very fun reunion. What a great reflection on Bob and our Youth Ministry Program that the college kids and recent grads made church their first stop for their Thanksgiving homecomings. And big blessings for the many Knights who gathered in the Parish hall for a major and fun meal before making the sandwiches for Elijah's Promise. Beautiful

I very much look forward to sharing all this with you. Meanwhile, all best blessings for you and your loved ones during this season of Advent.

Father Hank

MASS INTENTIONS

This weekend are the last days the book for arranging Mass intentions for 2023 is open.

Saturdays: After the 4:45 Mass until 6:30 PM Sundays:10:30-11:30 AM

After the First Sunday of Lent, you can arrange more.

CHANGES IN THE MASS SCHEDULE Sunday 6:00 PM Mass

Sunday, November 20, was our last regularly scheduled 6:00 PM Mass. This change enables us to schedule special occasion Masses at that time – e.g., for the Youth Group, the SAGES, Social Ministries, etc. Thanks to all who have supported the 6:00 PM effort.

Saturday at 8:35 AM

Our pre-pandemic schedule included Saturday morning Mass. During the pandemic, we started having confessions, anointings, and "open office hours" at that time. The new system works very well and we will stick to it. People who feel invited to receive Eucharist every day can still receive on Saturday evenings.

Multiple Mass Intentions at Every Mass

By the grace of God, parishioners are becoming even more attentive to the needs of deceased loved ones. Over the last several years, requests for Mass intentions have risen from about 500 to more than 800. The schedule fills by early spring and we must turn people away for the next eight or nine months. We can arrange Mass intentions in the missions, and many people are fine with that. Still, many parishioners want to arrange Masses here. We have increased the number of Mass intentions by offering three intentions for the Masses on 8:35 Tuesday and 9:30 Sunday. We are now adding more. As of January 1, every Mass will allow up to three intentions. With the changes in the Mass schedule (see above), we are expanding the annual number of Mass intentions from roughly 800 a year to 1400 each year. We will try it for 2023 and assess the changes at this time next year. I hope this allows us to accommodate every request for a Mass intention for a loved one.

POOR BOX

12-4 Social Concerns Emergency Relief

This week the Poor Box, through your generous donations will support our Parish **Social Concerns Emergency Relief** services. This provides those in most need of financial support by making a one-time payment of PSEG, rental assistance, security deposit or other basic living expenses. This charity work not only provides for basic need yet restores hope to *the least of these*.



HEALING PRAYER

Next Weekend - December 11-12

Immediately after the 4:45 PM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses.

Next Dates: January 13-14

For more Information :contact Ann Smith at 908-285-6481.

All conversations and prayer requests are confidential



RESPECT LIFE MASS

Sunday, January 22, 2023, 12:00 Noon

Cathedral of St. Francis Assisi, Metuchen

Please consider joining us for the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass. Bishop James F. Checchio will be the celebrant. Youth who have been active in pro-life volunteering will be recognized. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or 732-562-1543.

PRE-CHRISTMAS APPALACHIA MISSION

This is the trip that delivers and distributes the gifts to two places in Appalachia. It runs from Thursday, December 15 through Sunday, December 18. Can you go? Questions? Email Jeanine at Jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Kathleen Mary Reid, 80, mother of parishioner Meghan Bogado (Favio), died on November 22..

Dr. David G. Belanger, 77, died on November 18. Please pray for their eternal rest and for all who mourn their deaths..

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send info for the bulletin no later than Friday, 8 days prior to the weekend you want the article to appear, directly to stjoebulletin@yahoo.com. Please watch for early deadlines during December



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Sages Christmas Party & Talent Show:

Wednesday, December 14 at 12:00.

Join us for a special hot lunch, Talent show and Christmas festivities.. The poker group has the option to play after the talent show. Registration required.

Our programs will take a break for the holiday season and return on January 12.

Info: Email AnnaMaria at arealbuto@sjmillstone.com You can also call her at 908-864-0334.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Would you like to make a donation towards our Christmas Memorial Flower Program in remembrance of a deceased loved one or to honor someone? Your contributions will provide for next year's flowers – just like last year's contributions provide for this year's. The envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space. You may drop them in the baskets on the way out of church... Names will be posted in the bulletins after Christmas. Thank you for helping to make our church beautiful for Christmas.

Love and Be Loved

an Evening with Jim Towey and Special Screening of 'Mother Teresa, No Greater Love'

December 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM

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Jim Towey was a trusted advisor and personal friend of Mother Teresa of Calcutta for twelve vears and did the first reading at her Mass of Canonization in Saint Peter's Square. He headed the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives under George W. Bush, and was president of two Catholic colleges, a US Senate staffer, and head of Florida's 40,000-employee health and human services agency. In 1996, with Mother Teresa's encouragement, he founded the nonprofit advocacy organization Aging with Dignity and created the Five Wishes advance directive, which has sold 40 million copies and is used in all fifty states. Towey met his wife, Mary, in Mother Teresa's Washington, DC, AIDS home. He continues to provide pro bono legal services for the Missionaries of Charity.

SACRED PAUSES

Tuesday, December 6, 7-9 PM (\$20-\$30 as you are able) Mount St. Mary House of Prayer 1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069

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Information and Registration for all Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer offerings can be found on our website: www.msmhope.org. You may also call us at 908-753-2091 or email us at msmhope@msmhope.org

O' HOLY NIGHTS!

Please go to www.sjmillstone.com to register for each evening and to secure your place.

Be sure to watch for changes in this schedule.



TAILGATE CAROLING

Sunday, December 4, 5 PM

The caroling comes first, with a great big screen to provide the words so you can sing along with the many musicians. Then comes the line dancing. Everyone is invited to learn the parish's Christmas line dance. Then we can start the competition and let Santa decide which group rocks it best.



SHEPHERD'S PATH

Sunday, December 11, 5 PM

Test Your Knowledge; Stroll the path and encounter our young shepherds.

There is a new path, closer to the tent and shepherds along the way will quiz you on your knowledge of Jesus' birth. We will provide Christmas Carnival Games for the little ones and a chance to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME – WE ARE BRINGING IN AN ICELESS SKATING RINK. WE ALSO PROVIDE THE SKATES. Skating for young families will go from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Open skating goes from 5:15 to 7:00 PM.



LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 18, 4 PM

Presented by our Youth Ministry. Listen on the parish radio station while soaking up the view of the Annunciation, the Birth of Christ, and more holy moments. Register at www.sjmillstone for your preferred time, between 4:00 and 6:30 PM..

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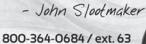
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